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APPLICANTS: Hopkins *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/722,279 EXAMINER: Javier G. Blanco
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FOR: CARDIAC VALVE REPLACEMENT



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Boston, Massachusetts

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to Office Action (10 pages);
2. Petition for Extension of Time (1 page in duplicate);
3. Check No. 22407 in the amount of \$510.00; and
4. Return postcard.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due with this submission; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21486-027DIV. A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617-542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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